The first phase of World Bank Project will be over by 31st March, 2000. The second phase proposal is being prepared for a period of three years for reaching the target elimination level and consolidating the achievements made so far.

Control of Encephalitis

1743. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Encephalitis has hit Andhra Pradesh recently; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps the Central Government have taken to wipe out recurrence of this deadly disease from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) As per reports received from the State Health Authorities, 873 cases with 178 deaths (Provisional) have been reported till November, 1999 due to suspected Japanese Encephalitis (JE).

(b) The steps taken for control of JE are:—

* Early diagnosis and proper management of cases;
* Vector control by insecticidal spray/fogging in identified areas;
* Vaccination of identified Japanese Encephalitis-prone groups;
* Regular monitoring of epidemiological trends, investigations and training;
* Information Education Communication activities to ensure early reporting and adopting of preventive measures.

Japanese Encephalitis in Andhra Pradesh

1744. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that more than 133 deaths occurred due to the dreadly japanese encephalitis in Kurnool, Anantpur, Mahabubnagar and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the infection is attacking and killing hundreds of children belonging to the poorer sections in these districts periodically;

(c) if so, what preventive measures the Union Government are planning to take to protect the children of the most backward areas of the State; and

(d) whether there is any plan before Government to eradicate the dreaded japanese encephalitis, on lines of pulse polio?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Outbreaks of Japanese Encephalitis (JE) have been reported from some districts of Andhra Pradesh including Kurnool, Anantapur, Mahabubnagar and Prakasam causing deaths of 178 people upto November, 1999. The disease has manifested mainly in children.

(c) and (d) In Action Plan for control of JE in an organised manner has been prepared and shared with the State Government envisaging:—

(i) Early diagnosis, proper management of patients and rehabilitation.

(ii) Vector control by undertaking two rounds of residual insecticidal spray with approriate insecticide in animal dwellings in high risk areas and fogging with technical malathion for immediate killing of infected mosquitoes during outbreak. Anti-larval operations wherever feasible are also taken.

(iii) Vaccination of the highly prone population groups living at risk in Japanese Encephalitis affected areas.

(iv) Segregation of pigs from human habitation and encourage mosquito-proof pig pens and insecticidal spraying of piggeries etc.

(v) Health Education to promote personal prophylaxis and early treatment of the disease.

(vi) Training of Medical Personnel and Professional associated with the delivery of preventive and control activities in the field of Japanese Encephalitis.

Transfer Criteria in CGHS

1745. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that transfer and posting policy are not being implemented according to the policy/guidelines laid down by Government for doctors and group C and D employees under Central Zone, South Zone and North Zone of CGHS in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of doctors and group C and D employees posted in various CGHS dispensaries are working at present for more than five years; if so, the details regarding the names, designations and place of posting of such staff *w.e.f.* 1st November, 1999; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N. T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The transfer policy laid down by the Government for transfer of doctors and Group 'C' and 'D' employees is being implemented, keeping in view the administrative exigency and humanitarian grounds.

(b) Yes, Sir. The requisite information is give in the attached statement. (*See* below).

(c) In view of the position stated at (a) above, the question does not arise.

Statement

Doctors

Sl. No.	Name & Designation	Place of posting
1.	Dr. B. R. Khurana, CMO	Ghaziabad
2.	Dr. Krishna Khurana, CMO	Ghaziabad